

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Applicants' related co-pending applications and issued patents (see Appendix A) directed to nanoparticles and methods of preparation and use thereof.

The Applicants note that the Examiner did not return executed copies of the PTO 1449 forms for the 6th Supplemental IDS that was hand delivered to the Examiner on September 9, 2002. Subsequent to the issuance of this Office action, the Applicants had filed a 7th Supp. IDS. The Applicants request that the Examiner fully execute the PTO 1449 forms for the 6th Supp. IDS, and 7th Supp. IDS and return a copy of the same to the undersigned representative. Copies of the 6th and 7th Supplemental IDSs, associated PTO 1449 forms, and PTO stamped postcards acknowledging receipt of the IDSs, PTO 1449 forms and references are attached. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner would like to have another copy of the references.

The specification was amended to update the priority claim. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Claims 237-265 were pending in this application. Claims 237-240, 252 and 254 were amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors. New claims 433-446 were added to further clarify the invention. The new claims are supported, for example, by claims 237-265, and the specification at page 20, lines 23 to page 21, line 2; and page 69, line 26 to page 70, line 8. Thus, the amendment and new claims do not constitute new matter.

Turning to the office action, claims 237-265 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC section 103(a) as being obvious over Yguerabide (U.S. Patent No. 6,214,560) ("Yguerabide"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Federal Circuit has stated that for prior art to anticipate under section 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically disclosed in a single reference. Corning Glass Works v. Sumitomo Electric, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1962, 1965 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The exclusion of a claimed element, no matter how insubstantial or obvious, from a reference is enough to negate anticipation. Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 220 U.S.P.Q 193, 1098 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

Likewise, the Federal Circuit reiterated the manner in which obviousness rejections are to be reviewed. Where claimed subject matter has been rejected as obvious in view of a combination of prior art references, "a proper analysis under § 103 requires, *inter alia*, consideration of two factors: (1) whether the prior art would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art that they should make the claimed composition or device, or carry out the claimed process; and (2) whether the prior art would also have revealed that in so making or carrying out, those of ordinary skill would have a reasonable expectation of success." *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 493, 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1438, 1442 (Fed. Cir. 1991), citing *In re Dow Chemical Co.*, 837 F.2d 469, 473, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1529, 1531 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Contrary to the Examiner's position, Yguerabide does not teach or suggest what the Applicants have done.

Specifically, the Examiner alleged that Yguerabide taught detection and measurement of one or more analytes in a sample using particles of specific composition and size using light scattering. The discussion is found starting in col. 82, line 35, of Yguerabide. Col. 83 provides further discussion regarding particle size and particle binding to a surface. Cols. 77-80 relate to particles and their preparation. Col. 110 (Example 32) relates to a nucleic acid labeled particle but does not provide or suggest any particle surface density. Furthermore, surface density cannot be calculated since Yguerabide does not provide any DNA concentration. There is no discussion or suggestion anywhere in Yguerabide of a nanoparticle having any recognition and/or diluent oligonucleotides and/or particle surface density. The claims recite limitations that are neither taught, made obvious, or suggested by the cited reference. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that Yguerabide cannot be applied to support section 102(e) and/or section 103(a) rejections of the claims.

In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in this application are in allowable condition and request a Notice to this effect.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

representative if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

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APPENDIX A

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| 00-653-A | U.S. 09/927,777 Filed 8/10/01 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton, Garamella, Li, Park/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFORE | PENDING |
| 00-713-B1 | 09/923,625 Filed 8/7/01 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFOR | PENDING |
| 00-713-C | 09/344,667, filed 6/25/99 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFORE | U.S. Patent No. 6,361,944, issued 3/26/02 |
| 00-713-I | U.S.S.N 09/603,830 Filed 6/26/00 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton; NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFOR | U.S. Patent No. 6,506,564, issued 1/14/03 |
| 00-713-I-1 | 09/961,949 9/20/01 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton; | U.S. Patent No. 6,582,921, issued June 24, 2003 |

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| 00-713-I-6 | 09/967,409 9/28/01 | See 00-713-I-1 | PENDING |
| 00-713-I-7 | 09/974,500 10/10/01 | See 00-713-I-1 | PENDING |
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| 00-713-i-26 | TBA 041003 | See 00-713-I-1 | PENDING |
| 00-713-L | U.S.S.N. 09/693,005 Filed 10/20/00 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED THERETO AND | U.S. Patent No. 6,495,324, issued 12/17/02 |

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| 00-713-M | U.S.S.N. 09/693,352 Filed 10/20/00 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian/ NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFORE | U.S. Patent No. 6,417,340, issued 7/9/02 | |
| 00-714-G | U.S. 09/830,620 Filed 8/15/01 | Mirkin, Nguyen/ NANOPARTICLES WITH POLYMER SHELLS | PENDING | |
| 00-715-A | U.S. 09/760,500 Filed 1/12/01 | Mirkin, Letsinger, Mucic, Storhoff, Elghanian, Taton; Garamella, Li/ METHOD OF ATTACHING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES TO NANOPARTICLES AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY | PENDING | |
| 00-1085-A | U.S.S.N. 09/820,279 Filed 3/28/01 | Mirkin, Letsinger, etc./ METHOD AND MATERIALS FOR ASSAYING BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS | ALLOWED | |
| 00-1086-A | U.S. 09/903,461 Filed 7/11/01 | Letsinger, Garimella/ METHOD OF DETECTION BY ENHANCEMENT OF SILVER STAINING | ALLOWED | |
| 01-565-A | USSN 10/125,194 Filed 4/18/02 | Mirkin, Nguyen, Watson, Park/ OLIGONUCLEOTI DE-MODIFIED ROMP POLYMERS AND CO- | PENDING | |

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| 01-599-A | U.S.S.N. 10/291,291 Filed 11/08/02 | Storhoff/NOVEL THIOL-BASED METHOD FOR ATTACHING OLIGONUCLEOTI DES TO NANOPARTICLES | PENDING | |
| 01-661-A | U.S.S.N. 10/034,451 Filed 12/28/01 | Mirkin, Cao, Jin/ DNA-MODIFIED CORE-SHELL AG/AU NANOCRYSTALS | PENDING | |
| 01-661-C | U.S.S.N. 10/153,483 Filed 5/22/02 | Mirkin, Cao, Jin/ DNA-MODIFIED CORE-SHELL AG/AU NANOCRYSTALS | PENDING | |
| 01-1565-A | U.S.S.N. 10/266,983 Filed 10/08/02 | Park, Taton, Mirkin/ARRAY- BASED ELECTRICAL DETECTION OF DNA USING NANOPARTICLE PROBES | PENDING | |
| 01-1705-A | U.S.S.N. 10/108,211 Filed 3/27/02 | Nam, Park, Mirkin/BIO- BARCODES BASED ON OLIGONUCLEOTI DE-MODIFIED NANOPARTICLES | PENDING | |
| 02-338-B | USSN 10/172,428 Filed 6/14/02 | Cao, Jin, Nam, Mirkin/MULTICHA NNEL DETECTION USING NANOPARTICLE PROBES WITH RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC FINGERPRINTS | PENDING | |
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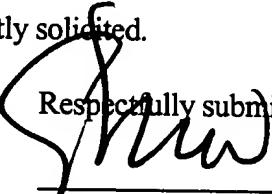
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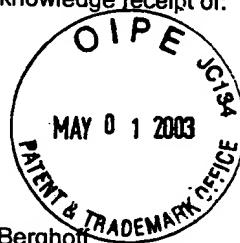
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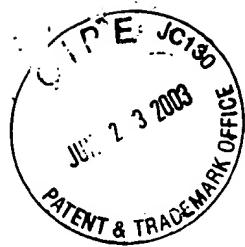
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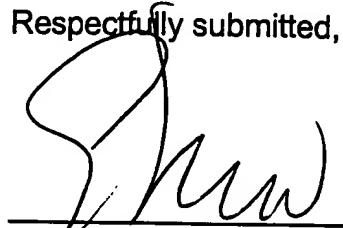
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